

# Comparisons of Job Characteristics

**Focus Occupation:** Occupational Health and Safety Technicians (29-9012)

**Associated Occupation:** Health and Safety Engineers, Except Mining Safety Engineers and Inspectors (17-2111)

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0	Focus occupation element is at a similar level
>	Focus occupation element is at a higher level
>>	Focus occupation element is at a much higher level

## Knowledge

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 77

**Focus Occupation:** Occupational Health and Safety Technicians (29-9012)

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Associated Occupation's Key Knowledge Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating		Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Engineering and Technology	5.7	18.9	13.4	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
Design	5.2	15.9	8.9	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
Mathematics	9.2	15.1	12.5	<	Expanded education and/or training may be required
Physics	4.3	14.1	9.6	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
Public Safety and Security	6.9	14.0	15.9	>	Current knowledge level is likely sufficient
Chemistry	4.8	13.0	11.3	<	Expanded education and/or training may be required
Law and Government	5.9	12.4	12.5	0	Current knowledge level may be sufficient
Building and Construction	4.0	10.3	13.6	>>	Current knowledge level is likely more than sufficient

The maximum possible rating is 25.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section analysis of O\*NET (Occupation Information Network) data.

## Skills

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 86

**Focus Occupation:** Occupational Health and Safety Technicians (29-9012)

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Associated Occupation's Key Skills Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating		Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Critical Thinking	10.8	14.4	11.5	<	A higher skill level may be required
Science	4.5	12.4	6.9	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required

Operations Analysis	5.0	11.0	5.0	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Systems Analysis	6.5	10.6	8.2	<	A higher skill level may be required
Systems Evaluation	6.4	10.5	7.9	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Technology Design	2.6	5.8	2.0	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required

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Abilities		Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 93			
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Associated Occupation's Key Abilities Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation	
Problem Sensitivity	11.1	15.3	12.9	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Inductive Reasoning	10.2	14.3	11.6	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Deductive Reasoning	10.6	14.1	11.2	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Written Comprehension	11.0	14.1	12.6	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Written Expression	9.8	13.4	11.4	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Near Vision	11.1	12.7	10.5	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Information Ordering	9.9	11.9	9.5	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Fluency of Ideas	7.6	11.0	7.9	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Flexibility of Closure	7.8	10.9	9.6	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Far Vision	7.8	10.2	8.5	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Speed of Closure	5.9	8.2	6.1	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required

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Activities that Both Occupations Have in Common		Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 97
<b>Focus Occupation: Occupational Health and Safety Technicians (29-9012)</b> <b>Associated Occupation: Health and Safety Engineers, Except Mining Safety Engineers and Inspectors (17-2111)</b>		
Work Activities	Exclusivity of Activity	

Analyze effectiveness of safety systems or procedures	87
Communicate technical information	4
Evaluate engineering data	60
Evaluate manufacturing or processing systems	68
Examine engineering documents for completeness or accuracy	62
Explain complex mathematical information	30
Follow safe waste disposal procedures	50
Perform safety inspections in industrial, manufacturing or repair setting	32
Prepare safety reports	60
Prepare technical reports or related documentation	22
Record test results, test procedures, or inspection data	48
Test air quality, noise, temperature, or radiation	82
Understand engineering data or reports	48
Use hazardous materials information	35
Use knowledge of materials testing procedures	70
Use pollution control techniques	62
Use scientific research methodology	21
Use technical information in manufacturing or industrial activities	67
Use technical regulations for engineering problems	61

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily perform all of the listed activities. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the activity is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations engage in that activity.

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## Tools and Technologies that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus  
Occupation to Associated  
Occupation: 84

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Tools and Technologies	Exclusivity
Cameras	2
Chemical evaluation instruments and supplies	10
Computer data input devices	2
Computers	1
Content authoring and editing software	1
Data management and query software	1
Electrical measuring and testing equipment	7
Fluid mechanics equipment	11
Gas analyzers and monitors	10
Indicating and recording instruments	2
Industry specific software	1
Information exchange software	1
Laboratory enclosures and accessories	17
Light and wave generating and measuring equipment	4
Liquid and gas flow measuring and observing instruments	15
Metals and metallurgy and structural materials testing instruments	15
Pulmonary function testing and treatment products	24

Sampling equipment	12
Sound generating and measuring equipment	19
Spectroscopic equipment	10
Temperature and heat measuring instruments	6

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily use all of the listed tools and technologies. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the tool or technology is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations use that tool or technology.

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